

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

<b>SHERRELL C. TOWNS,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b>CIVIL NO. 05-375-GPM</b>
	)	
<b>ANTHONY RAMOS, et al.,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

**MURPHY, Chief District Judge:**

Before the Court is Plaintiff's motion seeking a court order that his incoming mail from the Clerk of Court be opened only in his presence (Doc. 6). However, the Seventh Circuit has reasoned that:

with minute and irrelevant exceptions all correspondence from a court to a litigant is a public document, which prison personnel could if they want inspect in the court's files. It is therefore not apparent to us why it should be regarded as privileged and how [the plaintiff] could be hurt if the defendant read these documents before or after [the plaintiff] does.

*Martin v. Brewer*, 830 F.2d 76, 78 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1987). Therefore, Plaintiff's rights are not violated when official court mail is opened outside his presence, and the instant motion is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: 09/08/05

s/ G. Patrick Murphy \_\_\_\_\_  
G. PATRICK MURPHY  
Chief United States District Judge